



KINGS COUNTY FARM GROUP HOLDS MEETING

George Matheson, Heatherdale (LEFT) presided over the annual meeting Wednesday night of the Kings County Federation of Agriculture. John A. Rodd, Milton at Centre, is the provincial president. William Sullivan, Cardigan, was first vice-president for the past year. The meeting was held in the United Church hall in Souris.

OUTDOORS

Water Pollution Fight Needs Concerted Action

By JACK McANDREW
Water pollution is one of those things like the weather that a lot of people seem to do a lot of talking about without ever seeming to really get things done. It is so it would appear on the surface. But when you spend a day listening to a group of experts on the subject comparing notes, you very quickly get some appreciation of why that state of affairs seems to exist.

One of the major difficulties seems to be the fact that it is such an all-embracing problem that literally affects every phase of life whether it be business, agriculture, recreation or just plain everyday living.

Here on the island especially all industry and recreation seems to be so closely related that its difficult to set any one phase apart, and pollution of water in any given area can have a drastic effect in another before you really know what's happened.

The difficult part is to get the different areas of activity together so that some comprehensive plan that really works can be developed to the betterment of all.

Anything less than that and you have a pollution problem out of control often with drastic effects not only to associated interests but to the one that caused the problem in the first place.

PLANT DISPOSAL
Take a fish plant for instance. Some plants use a whole lot of salt water in their processing operation and at the same time use the harbor on which they are situated as a sewage disposal area for their wastes. The wastes can pollute the harbor and make it unfit for swimming and other recreational uses, but they can also make the water unfit for use in the processing operation.

What's the cure? Well, there are methods by which you can make raw sewage harmless. The trouble is they very often involve expensive treatment plants, and that means that the plant operator has to shell out hard cash. This in turn can have an effect on the price he has to charge for his product.

Obviously, if he can't compete in the price market he's not going to stay in business, but he won't be in business anyway if he can't get unpolluted water to use in the plant.

And so it goes, round and round, and you've got a dilemma on your hands that would strain Solomon's wisdom to resolve.

Another example of the sort of dilemma is created can be found in this business of clearing farmlands and pushing more and more highway construction through the province.

Granted that more efficient

are good roads to get the products to market, the fact is that sort of thing can harm a couple of other industries, which also mean a lot to the province.

SILTAGE PROBLEMS
When you clear off too much land and conduct an extensive highway program, you begin to create a problem of siltage in the river estuaries and streams.

If the land has no protection it can't hold nearly as much water, because the water simply draws off and carries with it a good load of topsoil.

Dump this silt into a stream running into a productive oyster area and pretty soon your oyster industry has had it because silt is the worst single thing that can happen to an oyster. It very efficiently prevents the oyster from reproducing and it isn't long before the beds completely die out.

In fact, the statement was made at the pollution conference that if the silt problem wasn't handled properly in Prince Edward Island, the oyster will go the way of the dodo bird. That is to say become extinct as an industry.

I'm getting a little far afield from the interests of hunters and sport fishermen, but they also have a stake in all this of course, and so does the tourist industry. The great attraction of Prince Edward Island has been her natural beauty and the recreational opportunities it affords people who live in the major cities of Canada and the United States.

CBC Seeking Full Control Of Programming And Policy

OTTAWA (CP) — The CBC wants control of its programming and policy vested clearly in the hands of its own board of directors, without supervision in these spheres by any other board.

The publicly-owned corporation made its first reply to the government's white paper on broadcasting by laying its views before the Commons broadcasting committee today.

It proposed that the Board of Broadcast Governors, regulatory agency for broadcasting, be responsible for the broad performance of the private stations, general broadcasting regulations and the planning and administration of the industry's physical structure.

The CBC board it said, should be given "full authority and responsibility for the policies, programs and operations of the national broadcasting service."

The brief suggested the BBG

Start chipping away at those natural beauties and you start a trend that is pretty hard to stop or reverse.

What seems to be required is some method of getting together all interested bodies and working out a common plan that will involve some compromises but will eventually work to the benefit of all.

What also seems to be required is an awareness on the part of every individual farmer, plait operator, business man and the ordinary Joe citizen that each has a responsibility in this regard.

MUST ACT
We all live too close together on this little island to be able to afford the luxury of independent action, and we can't wait for the problem to become a major disaster before we act. By that time it's just too late to do much about it.

The provincial government has now set up a Water Authority to govern the uses of the resource and I can only hope that they'll be given enough teeth to be able to apply enforcement where necessary to correct abuses.

One speaker said that unless firm rules were laid down and rigidly enforced with no exceptions the whole program would break down in short order. In the matter of pollution, expediency of the moment will only pave the way to disaster in a surprisingly short period of time.

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spent in Canada for TV advertising and four per cent of all funds spent on radio advertising.

It asked that this requirement be re-examined by the government with a view to reducing the CBC's dependency on ad revenues to meet operating costs.

Current efforts to earn advertising revenue are such that "they are virtually dictating the makeup of the corporation's television service in prime time," the brief added.

J. Alphonse Oulmet, CBC president, who presented the brief to the committee said the CBC now is forced into carrying straight entertainment programs, ones "that sell well," in the peak viewing hours between 8 and 10 p.m.

"Excessive commercial requirements" should not be allowed to dictate program policies or practices of the CBC. MORE

Pay Dispute Is Settled

OTTAWA (CP)—A pay dispute involving some 29,000 federal government employees ended Thursday with the union involved accepting a seven-per cent interim salary increase.

Revenue Minister Benson made the announcement in the Commons in reply to a question from Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre).

The employees are members of the Group D pay category, the same category as postal workers who settled two weeks ago for a 25-cent-an-hour, 10-month contract. The non-postal employees are members of the newly formed 115,000-member Public Service Alliance of Canada.

Mr. Benson announced earlier this week that Judge Andre Montpetit of the Quebec Superior Court, who mediated the postal situation under a strike deadline, had been called in to mediate the salary dispute of the non-postal employees.

Manpower Centre Adds To Staff
It has been announced by W.G. Cheverie, manager of the local office of Canada Manpower, that Guy Fichaud and Beverley Fitzgerald, both of Charlottetown, have been appointed to the staff of the local Manpower Centre here.

Mr. Fichaud was born in Montreal and educated at Sir George Williams College. He came to P.E.I. in 1960 and was store

Canadian Sailors Reported Working On 80-Hour Week

OTTAWA (CP)—Six leaders of maritime unions said many Canadian sailors are forced to work up to 80 hours a week and more because of the continued deferment of the shipping industry from the 40-hour week provision in the federal labor code.

They told a press conference 30,000 sailors have been waiting for 18 months to obtain the benefits of the labor code and their patience is just about exhausted.

Wednesday the delegation met Labor Minister Nicholson to press for government action. He told them discussions are going on with the shipping industry

manager with R. T. Holman Ltd. His work at the Manpower Centre will be concerned with the Executive and Professional Employment section.

Miss Fitzgerald is the daughter of Mrs. and the late Henry J. Fitzgerald, Charlottetown.

and promised to set up a joint meeting of labor and management later this month.

Leonard (Red) McLaughlin, president of the Seafarers' International Union of Canada, said the unions have been shocked to discover that there is no deadline for the shipping industry's deferment.

SAID ARGUMENTS SILLY
Mr. McLaughlin said the arguments used by the shipowners to support deferment are "a

bench of nonsense." It amounted to deliberate lying.

He said the shipowners contend that the 40-hour week is not practical in their industry and that the cost of adding extra crew quarters on ships would be prohibitive.

"Well, the U.S. has had a 40-hour week in its industry since before the war and it was adopted by CNR and CPR ships after the railway settlement in 1954," he said. "The entire shipping industry on the west coast has it too, so it's certainly practical."

Jim Todd of the Canadian Maritime Union said the labor code was designed to protect workers from barbaric hours.

"Let the worst offenders in the country are being left out."

Robert Cook of Ottawa, head of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, said there was a major safety factor involved, but the owners were more interested in costs.

CLAIMS PERSECUTION
"They haven't acted in good faith on this matter and it has become a case of persecution," he said.

Mr. McLaughlin said the 56-hour week sailors are supposed to work is a joke among them. Extra duties kept them on the job for 70 or 80 hours and often more.

If the government couldn't provide the remedy it would

have to be sought at the bargaining table. His union faces new contract talks next spring and had agreed no settlement would be accepted unless it provided labor code standards.

The union group also met with the New Democratic Party caucus full support for its cause Wednesday as it was promised.

"LIZZIE" DIES

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Mrs. Irwin M. McDuffie, maid and nurse-maid for many years to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt family, is dead at the age of 86. Mrs. McDuffie, known to the Roosevelts as "Lizzie," died Sunday in an Atlanta nursing home.

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